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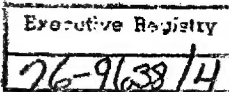
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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH
DIRECTOR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON DC 20505

DEAR MR PRESIDENT

PLEASE ACCEPT MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THE EVE OF YOUR NOMINATION THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT YOU WILL BE MY PRESIDENT IN NOVEMBER AND MY PRESIDENT JANUARY 1977 OUR PEOPLE ARE WORKING VERY STRONGLY ON YOUR BEHALF AND THEY SHOULD RECEIVE SOME OF THE CREDIT

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I WOULD ALSO, LIKE TO RECOMMEND AMBASSADOR ANNE ARMSTRONG FOR VICE PRESIDENT SHE IS VERY WELL LIKED HERE IN TEXAS AND SHE WOULD BE AN ASSET IN THE SOUTH, EAST AND WEST. AGAIN, LET ME SAY THAT I'M GRATEFUL FOR COURTESIES TOWARDS ME AND I AM READY TO SERVE YOU IN THE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST GOD BLESS YOU MR PRESIDENT SINCERELY YOURS

JOE BETANCOURT, JR
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21 July 1976

Mr. Joe Betancourt, Jr.
P. O. Box 627
Robstown, Texas 78380

Dear Mr. Betancourt:

Thank you for your Mailgram to Mr. Bush, but
as he indicated in his letter to you of 28 June, he
simply is not in a position to be helpful on this kind
of thing. I hope you will understand that this must be
his position.

Sincerely,

/s/

B. C. Evans
Executive Secretary

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HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, DIRECTOR OF CIA
WASHINGTON DC 20505

DEAR GEORGE,

I RECENTLY SERVED ON THE BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION IN THE VALLEY OF TEXAS AND SPECIFICALLY BROWNSVILLE TEXAS AND MATAMORO MEXICO. I SAW FIRST HAND THE ABUSE OF THE MANY PROGRAMS WHICH GEARED TO HELP THE POOR AMERICAN CITIZEN BEING USED BY MEXICAN NATIONAL WHO RESIDE ON THE US SIDE, SEND THEIR KIDS TO US SCHOOLS, AND DO EVERYTHING HERE BUT, "THEY PAY NO TAXES" I HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO WORK WITH THE MEXICAN AMERICAN VOTERS AND ALL OTHER AMERICAN THAT WILL LISTEN AND CONVINCE THEM THAT PRESIDENT GERALD FORD SHOULD BE THE MAN TO VOTE FOR IN NOVEMBER. I SAW AND HEARD HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THE MEXICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER WHO THOUGHT THAT CARTER WAS ALREADY IN AS PRESIDENT I STRONGLY FEEL THAT MANY MEXICAN OFFICIALS, SPECIALLY THE MAYORS OF THE BORDER TOWNS, WANT CARTER AS PRESIDENT BECAUSE HE IS JUST AS THEY WANT HIM TO BE. I AM STRONGLY AGAINST THIS AND HAVE A SOLUTION TO OVERCOME MR CARTER BEFORE NOVEMBER I URGE TO SETUP A DATE WHICH WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO MEET WITH ME AND MY GROUP WHICH ARE ALL INTERESTED IN ONE GOAL AND THAT IS TO GET YOUR PRESIDENT AND MINE ELECTED IN NOVEMBER. "I WOULD DRIVE A FORD THAN A CARTERLLAC. IF IT SAVES ME MONEY. SINCERELY YOURS

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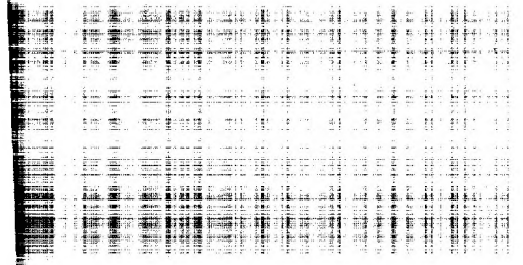
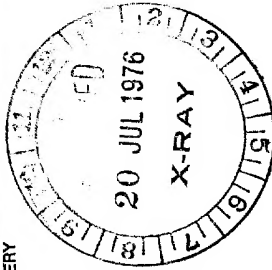
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10 July 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Telephone Call from Jose Bettencourt,
Brownsville, Texas

1. A Mr. Jose Bettencourt of Brownsville, Texas, telephoned (at his own expense) at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, 10 July 1976, requesting to speak with you. He agreed to speak with your representative who was present.

2. The conversation lasted some twelve minutes. In essence his message was as follows. He extended compliments to the Agency for its work, personal compliments to you, and then made reference to an exchange of correspondence between you wherein he requested you make arrangements for the President to telephonically contact him and you, in turn, apparently wrote him and stated that this could not be arranged. The purpose of his call was to apologize for having bothered you with his request and to state that he understood why it could not be done. (attached!)
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3. He went on at some length about his activities with both the U.S. and Texas Bicentennial Commissions and contacts he had with significant Mexican political personalities in pursuit of his bicentennial work.

4. He again stated that he would like to talk with the President as he feels the President will need his help. Inasmuch as we were speaking on a normal telephone circuit, I did not choose to pursue the issue as to what information he desired to make known to the President. STATINTL



John F. Blake

Executive Registry

76-9638

June 28, 1976

Dear Joe,

Thank you for writing.

STATINTL [REDACTED] gave me your message, but unfortunately, Joe, I am not in a position to intervene with the President on this. In my new job I simply cannot be helpful with the kind of things I could be helpful with when I was a Member of Congress. I do hope you understand.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush

Mr. Joe Betancourt, Jr.
P. O. Box 6642
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

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Texas House of Representatives

Representative Joe Salem of Nueces

P. O. Box 2910

Austin, Texas 78767

June 21, 1976

Dear George,

Just a quick note to thank you for your thoughtfulness in asking your assistant, [REDACTED] to call me later on Friday, June 25th. I, awaited your call but, it would have been in vain, since the local telephone company disconnected my telephone approximately two seconds after she hung up. This morning, I will try to straighten things out here. If I am not able to, then I will have to call you from a public telephone and preferably not from this same company.

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George, please tell The President that I need to talk to him about the matter that [REDACTED] told you about. Hopefully, I will have a telephone in working order when The President calls me. It will be kind of embarrassing to explain to him why my phone was disconnected

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God, Bless you George, and give you the Health, Strenght, Wisdom and the Intelligence to guide you in your future endeavors. I guess you know better then I, who to give those newspapers articles to. In reference to the attached letter I will call you from somewhere.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joe Betancourt, Jr.".

Joe Betancourt, Jr.

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June 21, 1976

Letters to The Editor,
Corpus Christi Caller
P.O.Box 9136
Corpus Christi, Texas 78408

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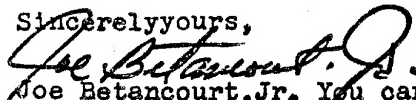
First, let me commend your paper on finally printing something that is newsworthy and the truth. I am not speaking about your front page article which reads, "Inside the Nixon White House" dated Sunday June 20, 1976. I really did a double take but, I did not read any further because I do know who The President of this here United States is. His name is Gerald R. Ford and he did not become our President until the Honorable Mr. Richard M. Nixon was forced to resign under tremendous pressure that the same people that voted for him brought upon him. Your paper included since you all were among the first newspapers in Texas to indorse him. Now, you are still crucifying him for I do not know how long. Even Christ had his breaking rest periods.

Now, what I really wrote to you about is that you wrote a very commendable article which one of your excellent reporters copied from a Washington Associated Press Release, and I would like to quote from your paper dated June 20, 1976 and reads as follows: "Apparently there will be no more news photos of President Ford bumping his head on the doorway of his helicopter as he leaves the White House grounds. Without explanation the Whitehouse press office began a policy this week of having reporters and photographers witness Ford's helicopter departures from a portico offering a view thoroughly obstructed by a row of flowering crabapple trees. When Ford took office, he initiated a number of policies intended to draw distinctions between his attitude toward the White House press corps and that of former President Richard M. Nixon. One was to let the press have a close-up look at his comings and goings by helicopter."

Finally, I would like to close with this thought in my mind that you all, should have put the above article in the front page of your newspapers so that I, and several thousands like I would have had a chance to read your papers since I spent (32¢) Thirty-Two Cents----- for my paper. I still have it you can send One of your many many----- paperboys to pick it up.

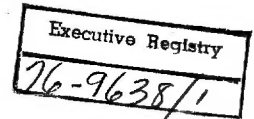
Thank you very much for giving me this opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely yours,



Joe Betancourt, Jr. You can print my full name.

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